

## ABSTRACT

A tapping method comprising a step of engaging a front end of a tap 47 provided at a tapping tool 37 attached to a rotating mold indexing device 7 rotatably provided at the punch press with a prepared hole formed in a workpiece, a step of rotating a control motor M of the rotating mold indexing device 7 positively to rotate the tap 47 positively when the front end of the tap 47 is engaged with the prepared hole and a step of stopping positive rotation of the control motor M and rotating the motor reversely, thereby to detach the tap 47 from the prepared hole of the workpiece when it is detected that the control motor M of the rotating mold indexing device 7 has rotated a determined number of times or that predetermined time has elapsed.